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Title: METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR PROCESSING  
ADMINISTRATIVE REQUESTS OF A DISTRIBUTED  
NETWORK APPLICATION EXECUTING IN A CLUSTERED  
COMPUTING ENVIRONMENT

## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)

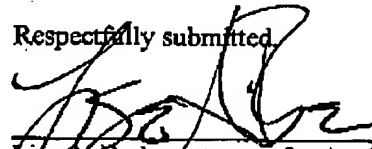
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Petition is hereby requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated August 13, 2003 to and through February 13, 2004 comprising a three-month extension of the statutory period of three (3) months.

The Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge payment of the required processing fee in the amount of \$950.00 to Deposit Account No. 19-3790 as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17.

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